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Letter from Eleanor Blair, Wellesley, Massachusetts,
to Mr. D.C. Blair, Montour Falls, New York, 1913
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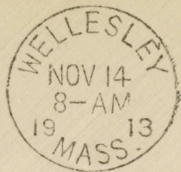
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Mr. D. C. Blair
Montour Falls
N. Y.

[Nov. 13, 1913]

22 Cottage St.

Wellesley, Mass.

Dearest Mutter und Vater und Bruder,

I'm sitting here by the window in a nice comfortable rocking chair with my feet gracefully reclining on the bed. I just devoured an apple & some chestnuts. Say, but that basket was welcome. I had five letters, a newspaper & the basket now. I refrained from opening the basket until evening though it was awfully hard not to peek at it. I asked Kate Van Eaton, Hazel Brannine and Helen of course Mabel D. to come in that evening; of course they all appeared & we had a lot of fun. We had a great ceremony

when we pulled down the first
slip on our clothes-line. I've told
the other girls about my apples
& told them to come in. Several
have been already. It's such fun
to sit down with an apple & a
book - so kind of homelike &
nice. Thanks a lot.

Well, now I must tell you
about our class meeting yesterday.
you know Miss Pennington
appoints a chairman who is
eventually made class president,
sometime - just before I was vacation
at least only in a very few cases
has the chairman failed to
become president. Garryat was
the excitement when the notice
was posted announcing the
meeting called by Miss Pennington.

Carnie Ingraham told me this A.M. that there was a rumor around that I was to be chairman. Wouldn't that get you? Well, it was a false alarm anyway, &

Dorothy Rhodes is our girl. She is a perfect peach, too; I don't know her except by sight but she went about things as though she knew what she was going to do.

after Miss Pendleton left, Dorothy took charge & opened nominations for temporary secretary. There were between 400 & 500 girls in the room so it took a good while to do any business. I was way at the back of the room with Helen when I suddenly heard someone say, "I nominate Eleanor Blair." nearly fell through the

floor. Don't get excited though, I didn't make connections. Came out seven votes behind Katherine Alexander. Ever since the meeting I've been receiving congratulations for getting so near. One girl said as soon as she heard my name she said, "Oh yes, she is in my Latin class." She even came over & told me she felt honored to be in the same class with me. Don't that a joke?

I think so. Madeline Wolf came over & said she nearly perished because she had a condition & couldn't vote for me. I didn't know I had so many friends in college until yesterday. Well, so much for that!

Last night the Sophs. had a funeral & buried their math books - no one knows where. They had a funeral march, dirge, etc. I didn't go up - had

some lessons to get so stayed up
at Eliot & studied.

Had a short letter from Harry
this AM. Also Bob's just
arrived & I've been walking on
air ever since. Have been telling
the girls ever since that my
pal is coming out to see me.
So it this next Easter she is coming
out. I hope so. Tell her she
must plan to be here while
there is school for that is
best for her. Give her my
love & tell her I've begun to
plan what we'll do already.
We'll go out on the lake & I'll
show her all the place around,
the Hunewell Gardens, the
sunken gardens, Tuxedo, & all
the buildings. We can dance up

at Eliot every night after supper
& there will be doings at the barn
as there always are! Then there
will always be musical evenings
Sun. nights. In between we
can play baseball as Kate
says they do in spring vacations
O.K. rah, rah for Easter!

Kate has just been in so
I had to stop a while.

Must ring off now &
study.

Lots of love,
Eleanor.